

Abstract

Described is a mechanism for executing a hosted application in either a browser-execution environment or as a standalone application. The invention provides a mechanism that enables hosting code in either of plural
5 hosting environments. Briefly stated, code is created that executes in a common execution environment. That execution environment can be either owned by a browser or not. When the code is launched, a host sniffer component determines from an indicator within the code which hosting environment is appropriate. Based on that indicator, the code is launched in the appropriate hosting
10 environment. The appropriate hosting environment may be either browser hosted or standalone.